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The idea of a western summit meeting prior to Khrushchev visit to US badly spiked tonight by Couve reporting that De Gaulle would neither invite nor attend. The General's objection is that such a meeting might be interpreted as one held for purpose of giving four-power negotiating power to President to act as spokesman in visit with Khrushchev. De Gaulle quite willing to have such a meeting after Khrushchev visit, perhaps on President's way to return visit in Moscow. Couve convinced no use trying to persuade General change his mind. This may alter time-table in any case. But latter now in state uncertainty because prospects for some kind of agreement here slightly better.

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